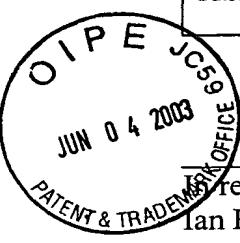


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### RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed March 21, 2003 (Paper No. 5), Applicant hereby provisionally elects Group I, claims 1-9, 11-15, and 17-21, for continued examination without traverse.

A check for \$410.00, the fee for a two month extension of time, is included with this response. Applicant believes no other fees are due. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 06-2375, under Order No. HO-P02194US0 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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